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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

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Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC, unless otherwise indicated.

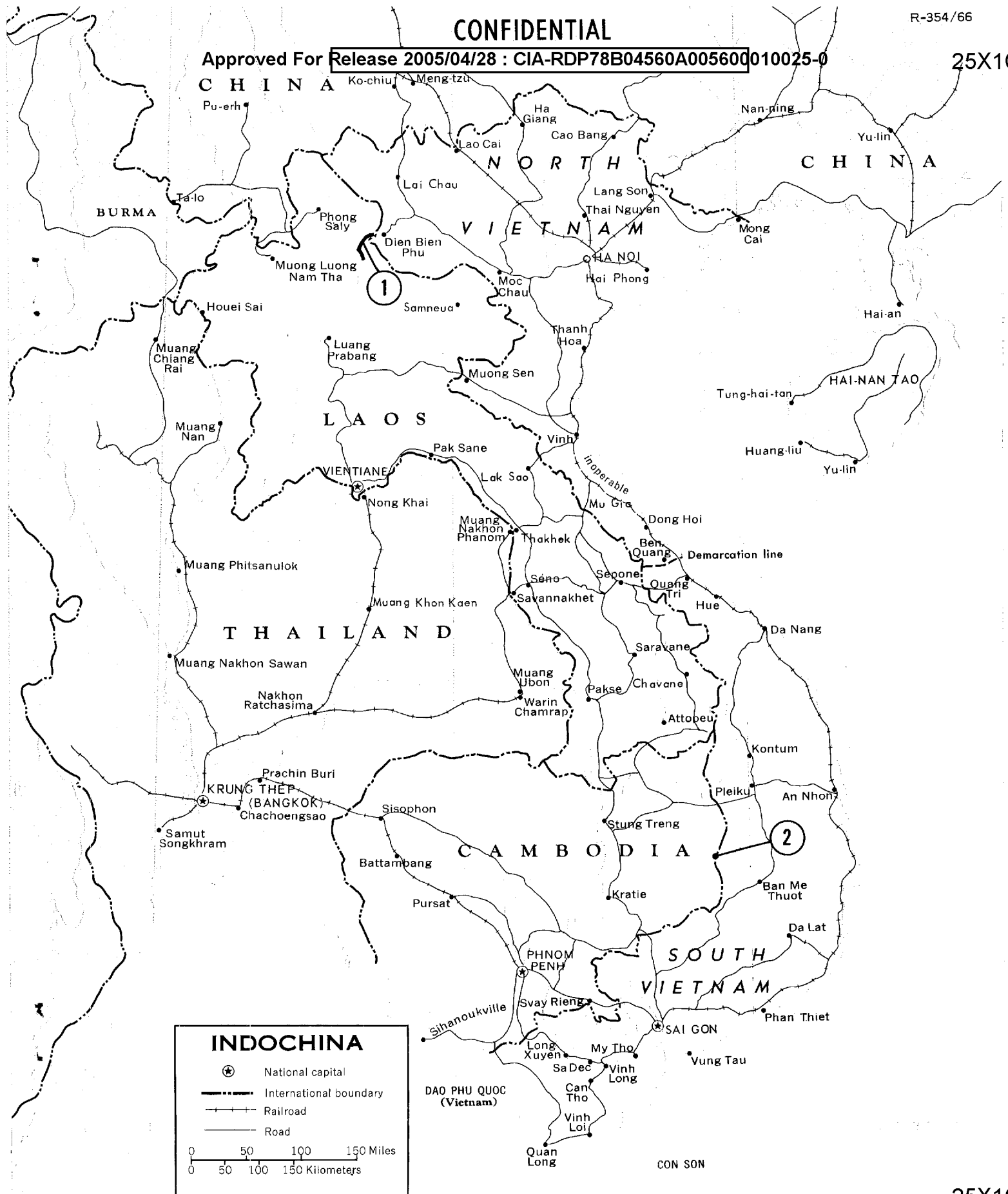
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FIG 1

ROUTE 19

HOUAY HOUP

FIG 3

FIG 5

FIG 4

NAM NOUA
(RIVER)

ABANDONED VILLAGE

FIG 6

FIG 7

FIG 2

ABANDONED VILLAGE

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NAM OU
(RIVER)

PROBABLE
SUPPORT BASE

MUANG NGOI

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← PROBABLE SUPPLY
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adjacent river bank on [] All villages along the Nam Ou between Muang Ngoi and the Nam Noua, at UTM TJ611293, TJ671172 (Figure 2), TJ678154, TJ628080, and TJ598043, have been abandoned.

Collateral materials indicate that the abandoned village west of the Nam Noua and on the Nam Ou at UTM TJ483315 is probably used for storage and transloading. The complex of huts in the northwest corner, previously devoted to religious purposes, exhibits a high degree of activity (Figure 6). The village at UTM TJ519309 is also abandoned and presents a similar appearance (see collateral references).

The capacity of this supply route, exclusive of extensive road interdictions, is limited by the Nam Noua and could significantly be increased by the extension of Route 19 to the Nam Ou. However, continued use of the Nam Noua utilizes the inherent economy of waterborne traffic, requires less route maintenance, and permits more covert activity.

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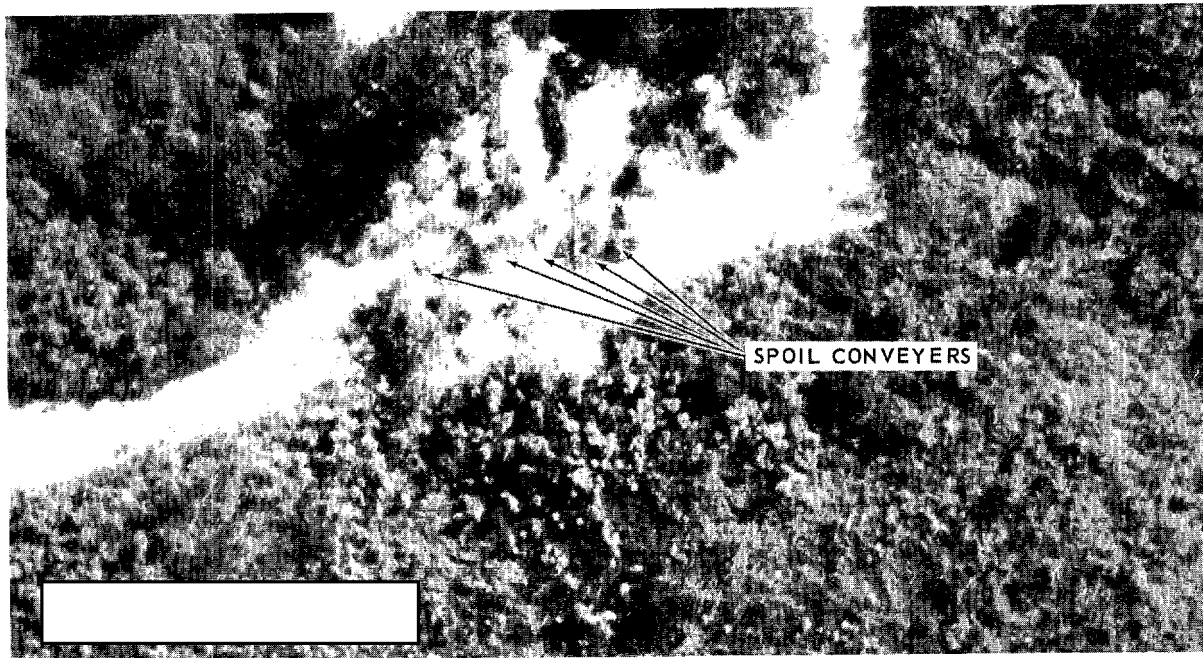


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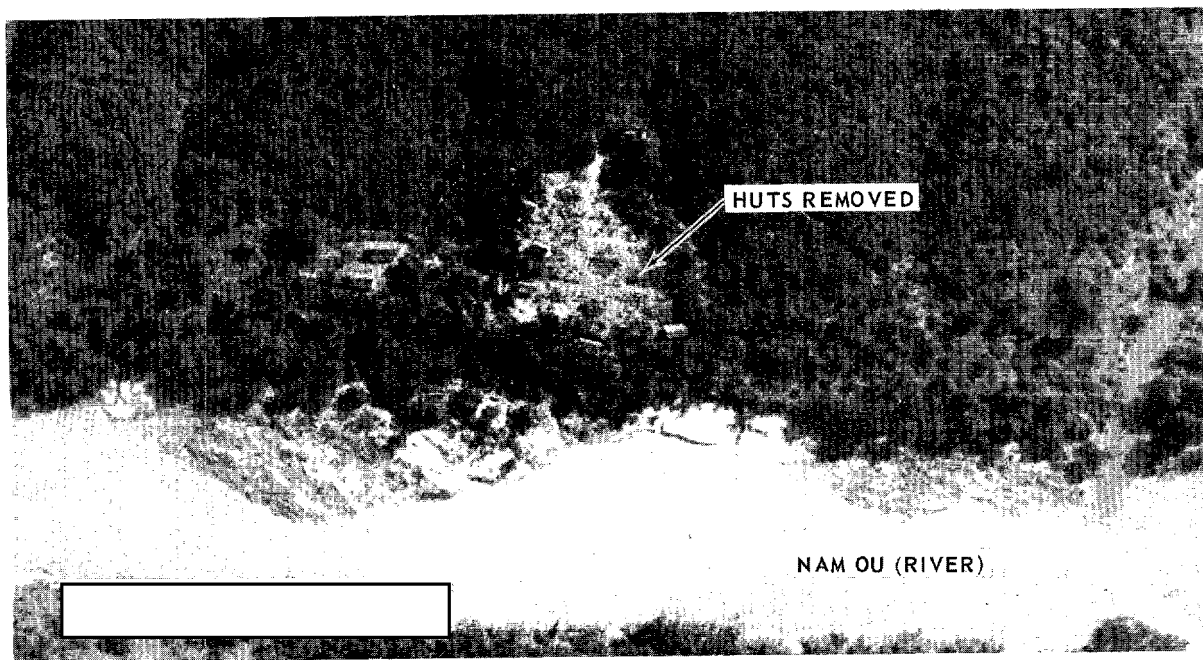
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FIGURE 1. ROAD MAINTENANCE, ROUTE 19, LAOS



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FIGURE 2. ABANDONED VILLAGE (PAK LUONG), LAOS

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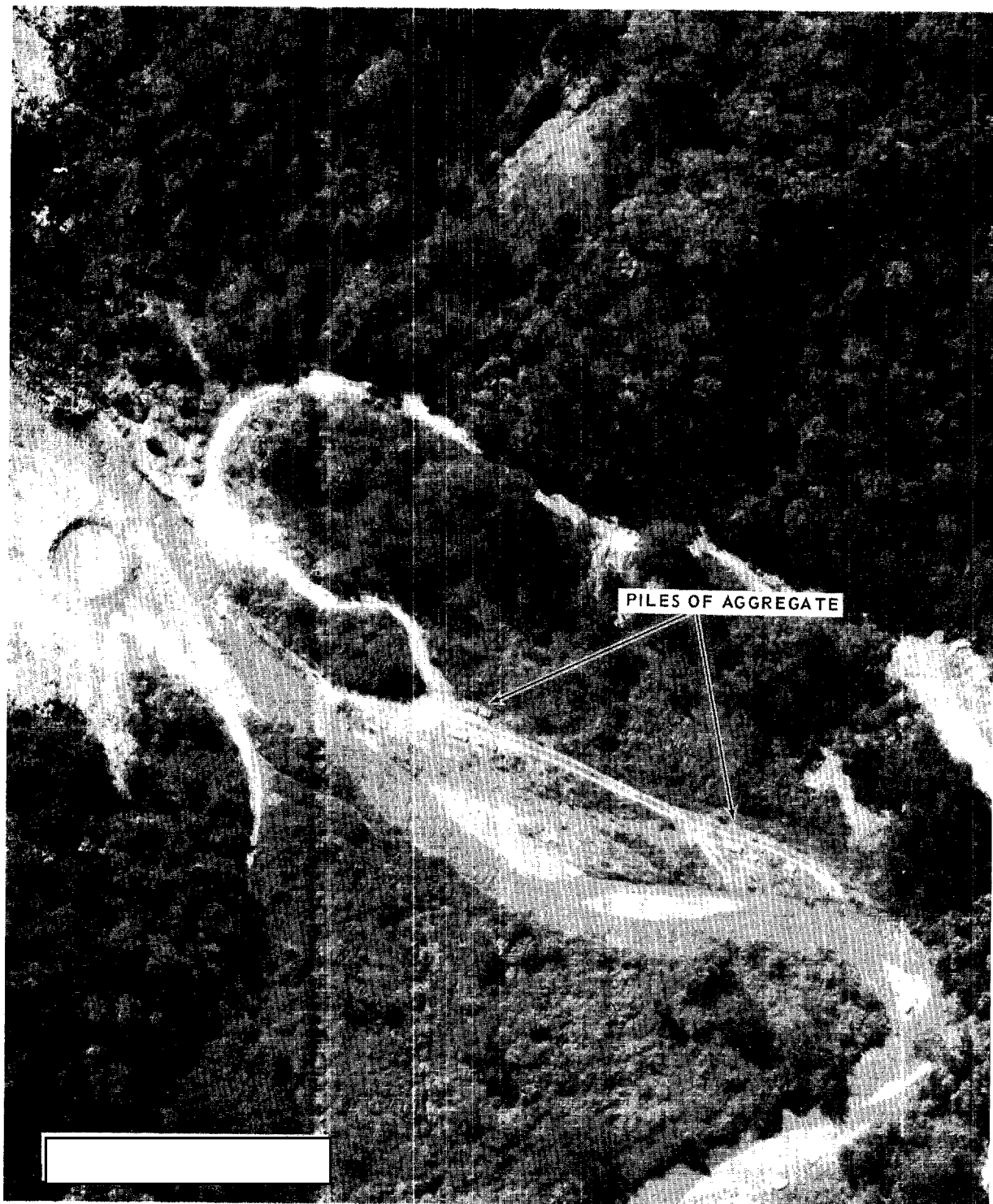


FIGURE 3. ROAD AGGREGATE SOURCE, ROUTE 19, LAOS

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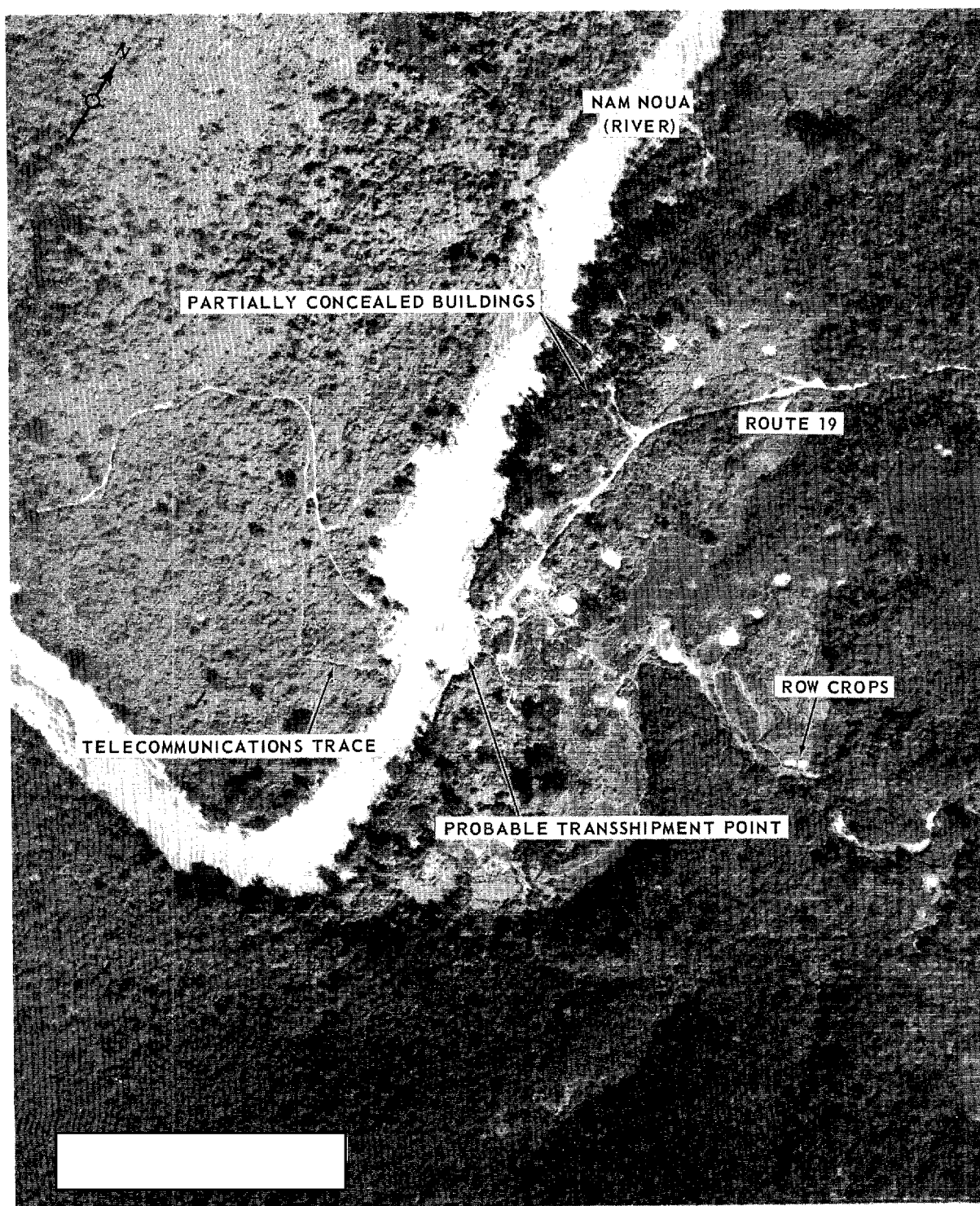
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FIGURE 4. PRESENT MOTORABLE TERMINUS OF ROUTE 19, HOUAY HOUP, LAOS

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FIGURE 5. LANDSLIDES, ROUTE 19, LAOS

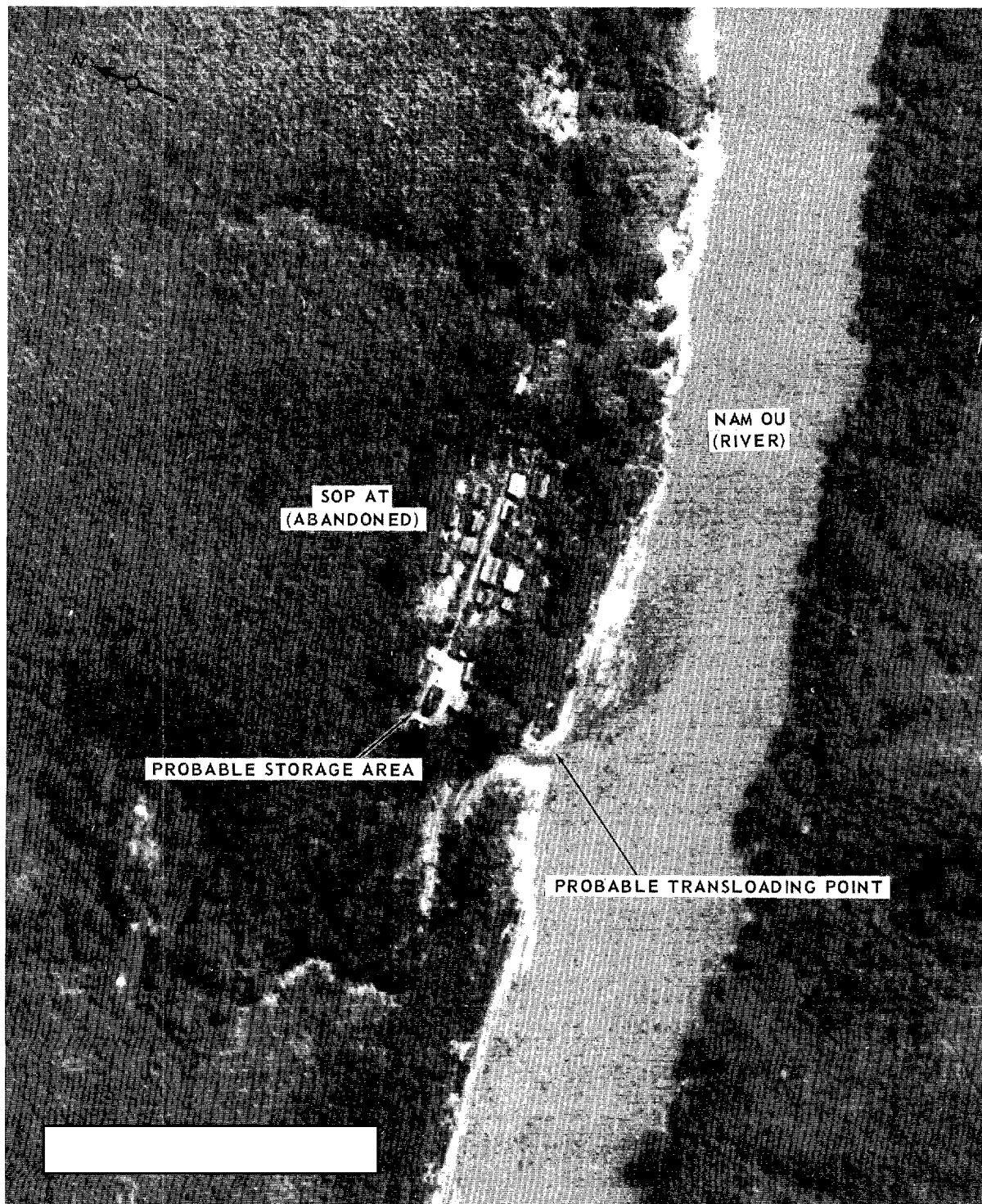
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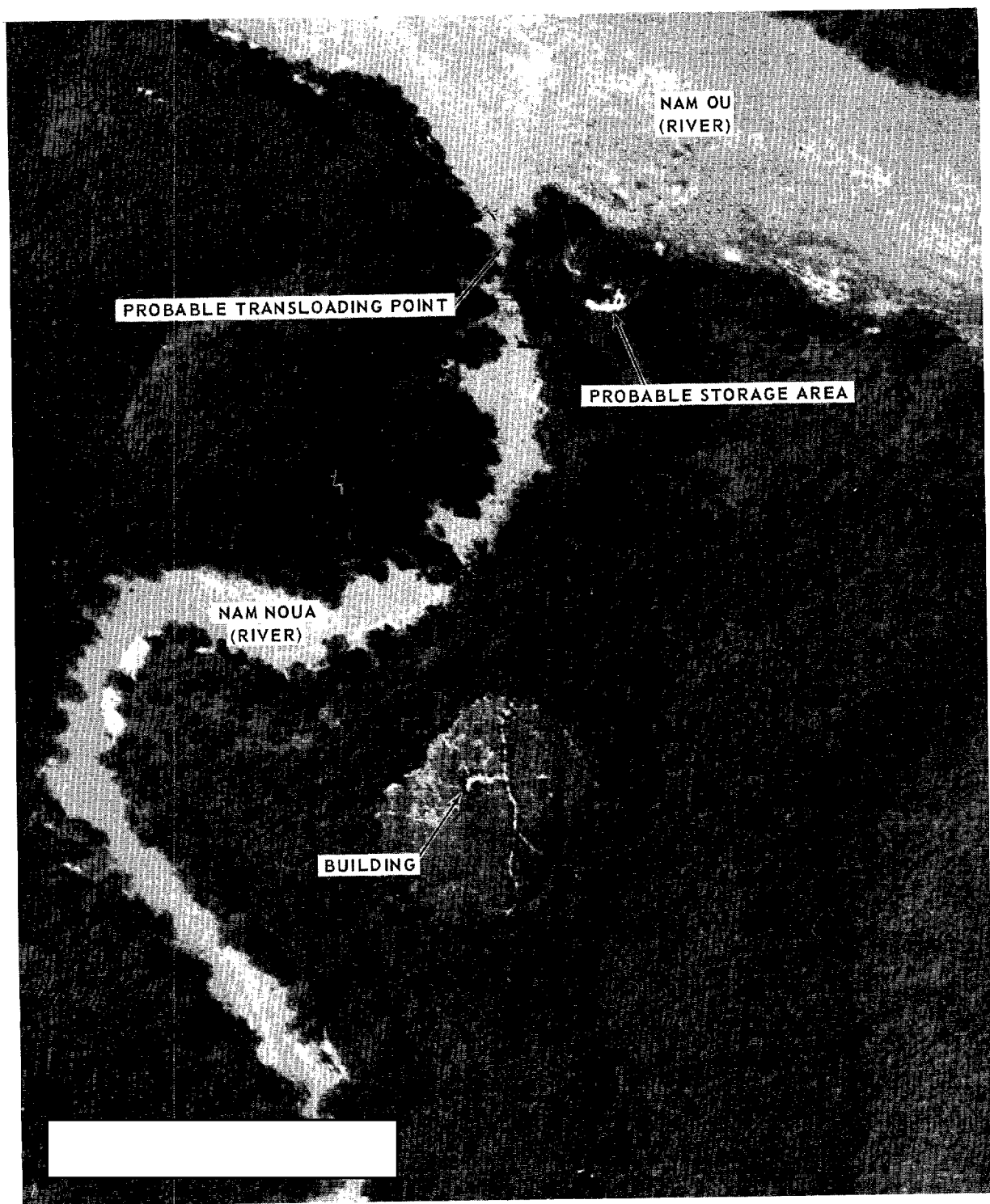


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FIGURE 6. PROBABLE STORAGE AND TRANSLOADING FACILITY, NAM OU (RIVER), LAOS

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FIGURE 7. PROBABLE STORAGE/TRANSLOADING FACILITY AND OBSERVATION POINT, CONFLUENCE OF NAM OU AND NAM NOUA (RIVERS), LAOS

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2. Suspect Insurgent Camps, Cambodia/South Vietnam Border Area

Seven suspect insurgent camps are dispersed along the Tonle Srepok (river) in Cambodia, adjacent to the South Vietnam border, in the vicinity of 13-02N 107-27E. Each camp contains numerous buildings and extensive scarring partially concealed by a dense tree canopy. A complex trail network generally follows a northwest/southeast orientation and connects with a major trail in South Vietnam which extends to Ban Don. The number of buildings in the area has substantially increased since [redacted] (Figures 8A, 9A, 10A, and 11A); however, it cannot be determined if this reflects an increase in insurgent activity, a need for more permanent shelters during the rainy season, a readiness to take advantage of the additional tree canopy, or a combination of these factors.

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The Cambodian strongpoint at Mereuch [redacted], approximately 2 nm northwest of the suspect insurgent camps, remains active, but the road serving it, which showed evidence of heavy vehicular traffic from [redacted] [redacted] is overgrown and in disuse. The possible abandonment of this installation by Cambodian personnel, with the resulting reduction of their control in the area, may also partially explain the increase in insurgent activity.

The location and discernible composition of each camp is as follows:

1. UTM YV664454, 12 buildings (Figure 8B)
2. UTM YV663438, 12 buildings (Figure 9B)
3. UTM YV700412, 37 buildings (16 shown on Figure 10B)
4. UTM YV656400, 25 buildings (Figure 11B)
5. UTM YV643445, 10 buildings
6. UTM YV616416, 18 buildings
7. UTM YV630413, 12 buildings

Although not directly associated with the above activity, Figure 12 photographically depicts a typical insurgent camp and the construction techniques which make airborne detection difficult.

Note: Identifiable terrain features have been selected as control points to facilitate comparison of the [redacted] photography.

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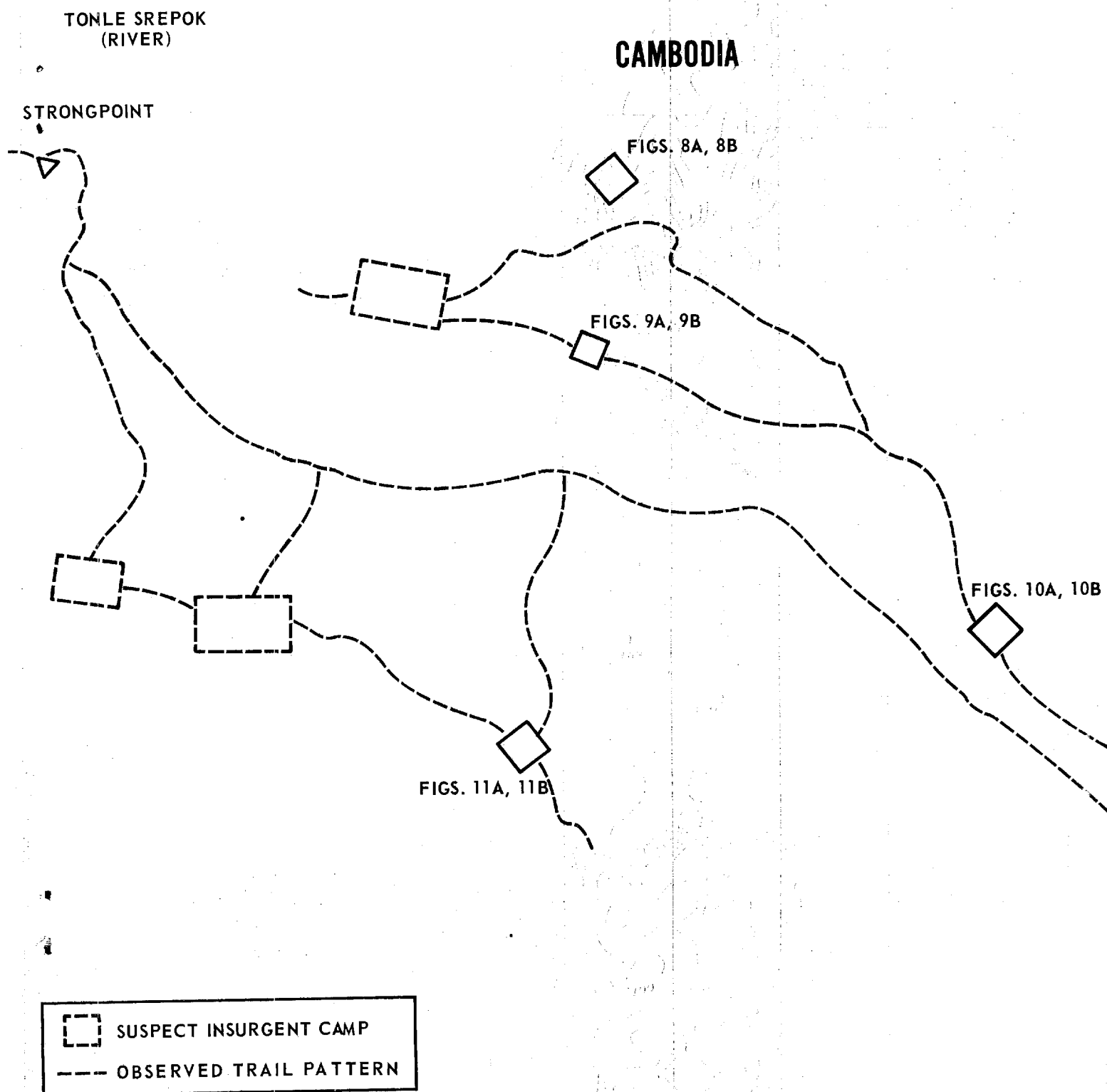
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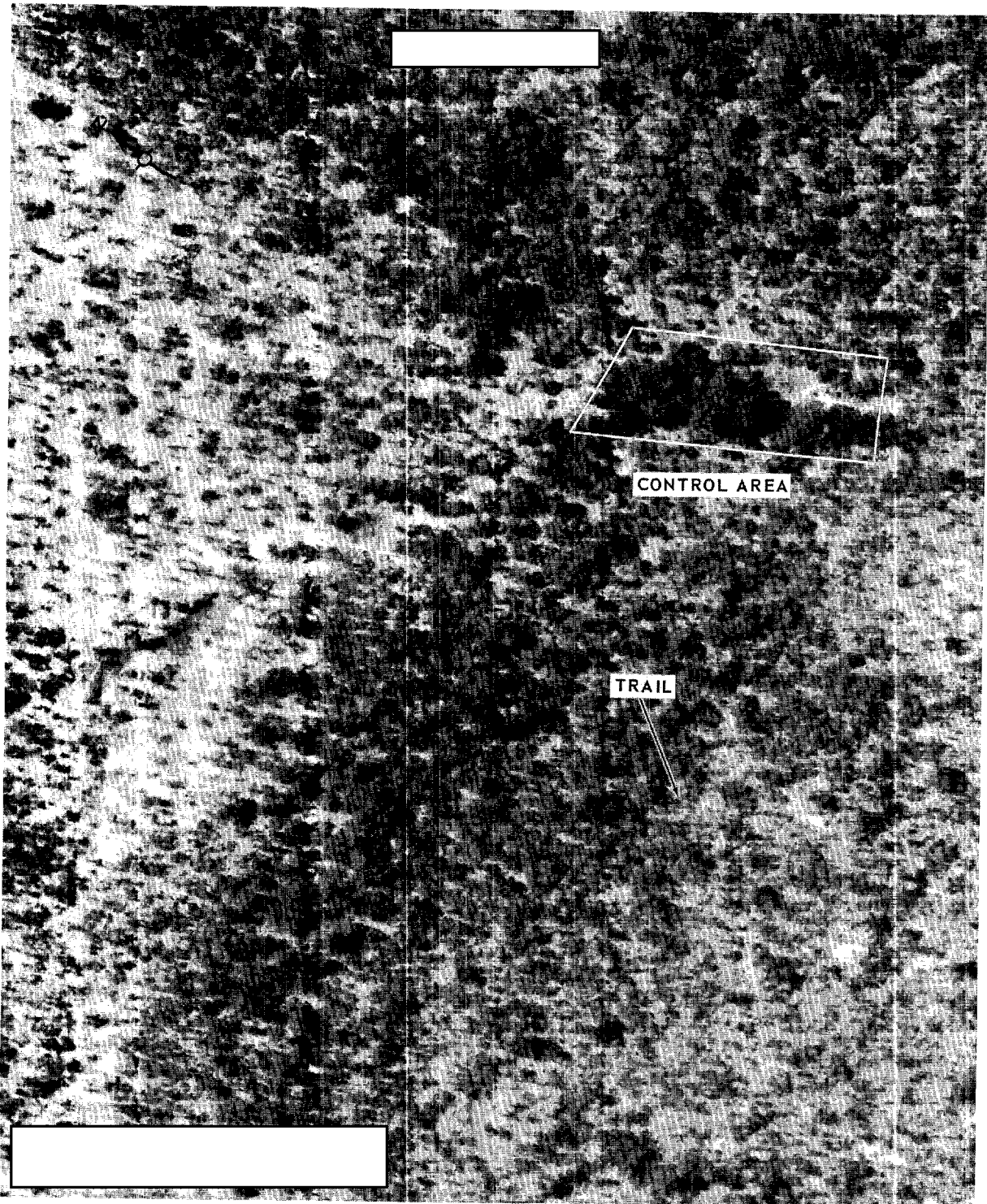
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FIGURE 8A. SITE OF FUTURE SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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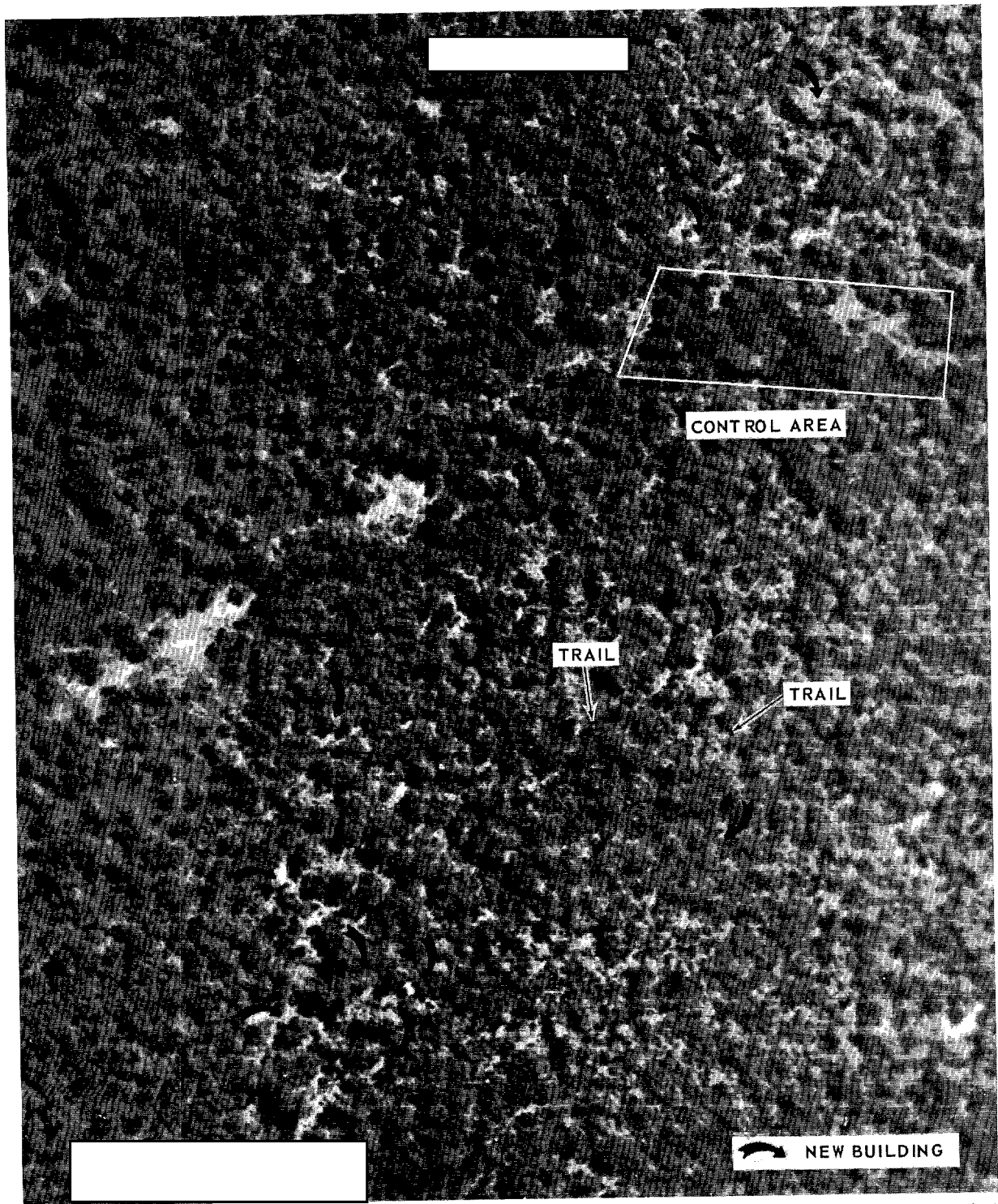
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FIGURE 8B. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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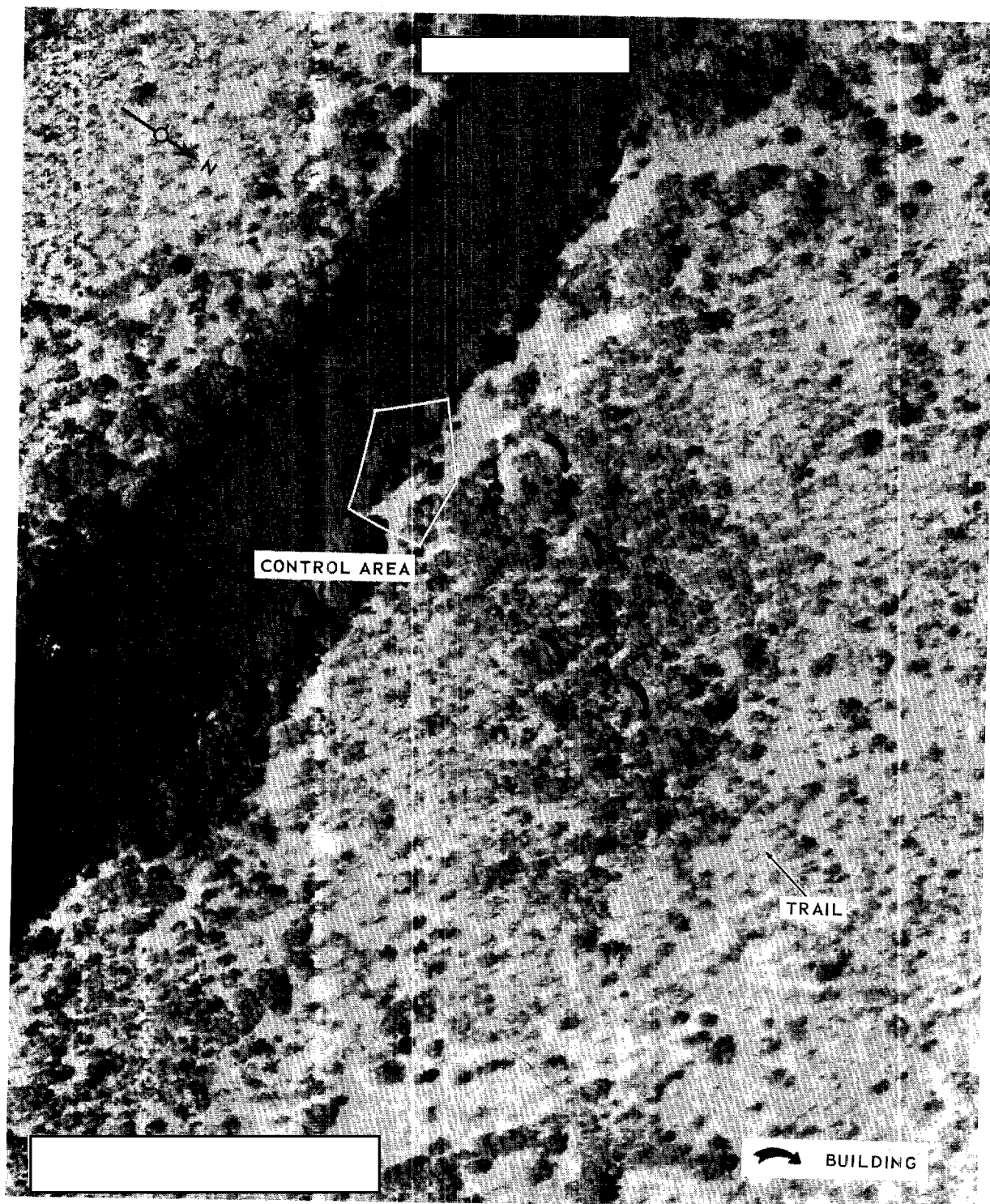


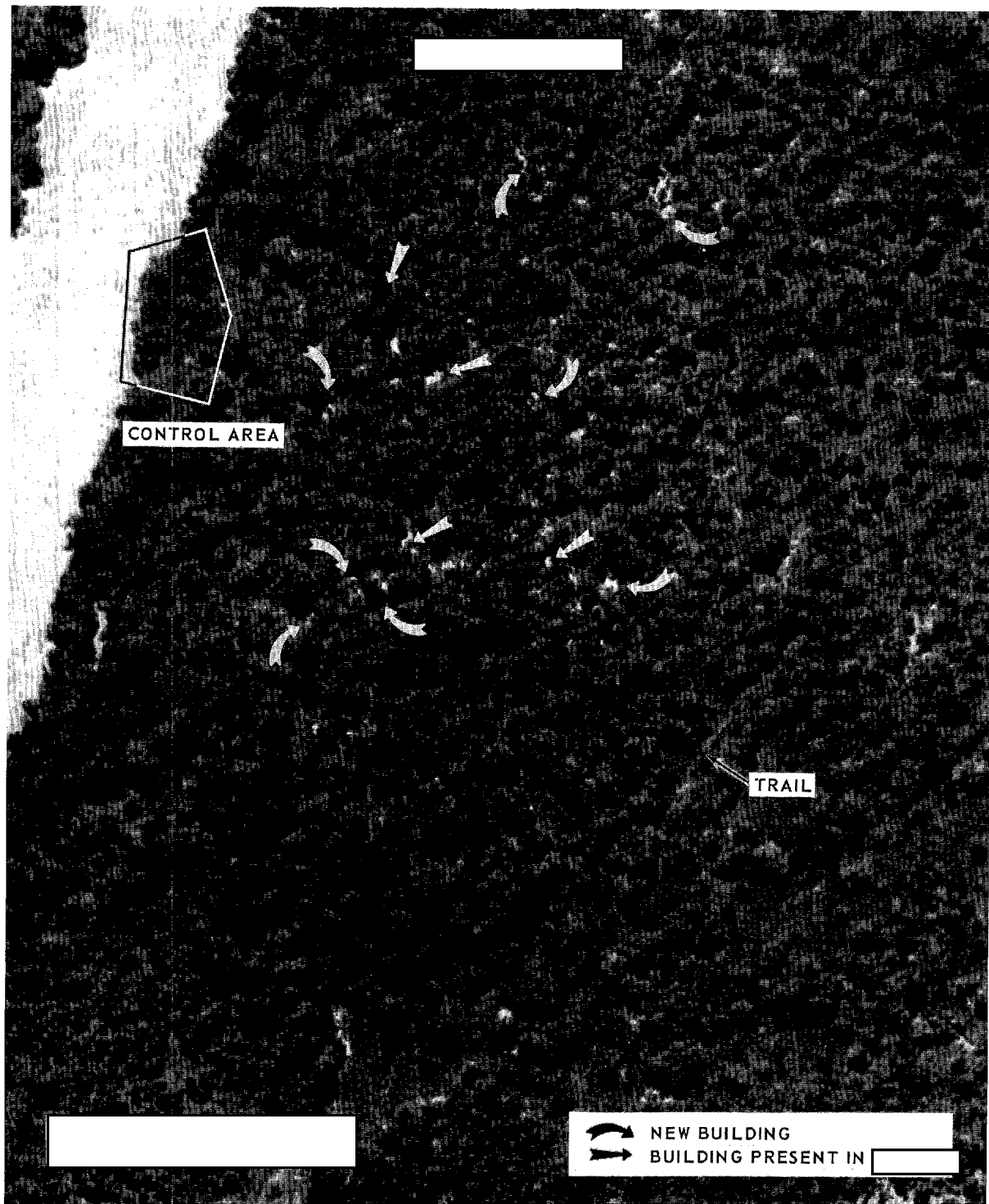
FIGURE 9A. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA.

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FIGURE 9B. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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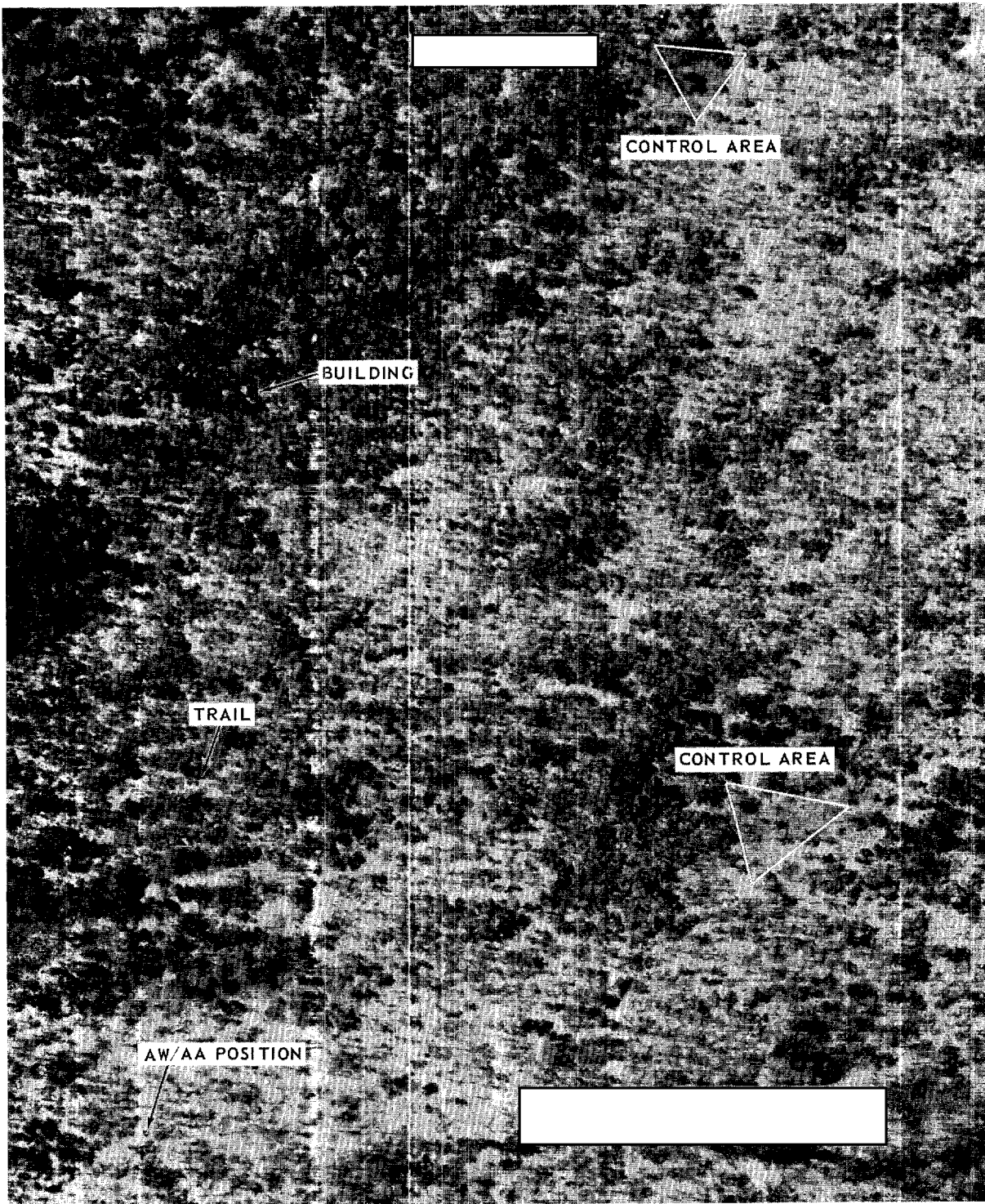
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FIGURE 10A. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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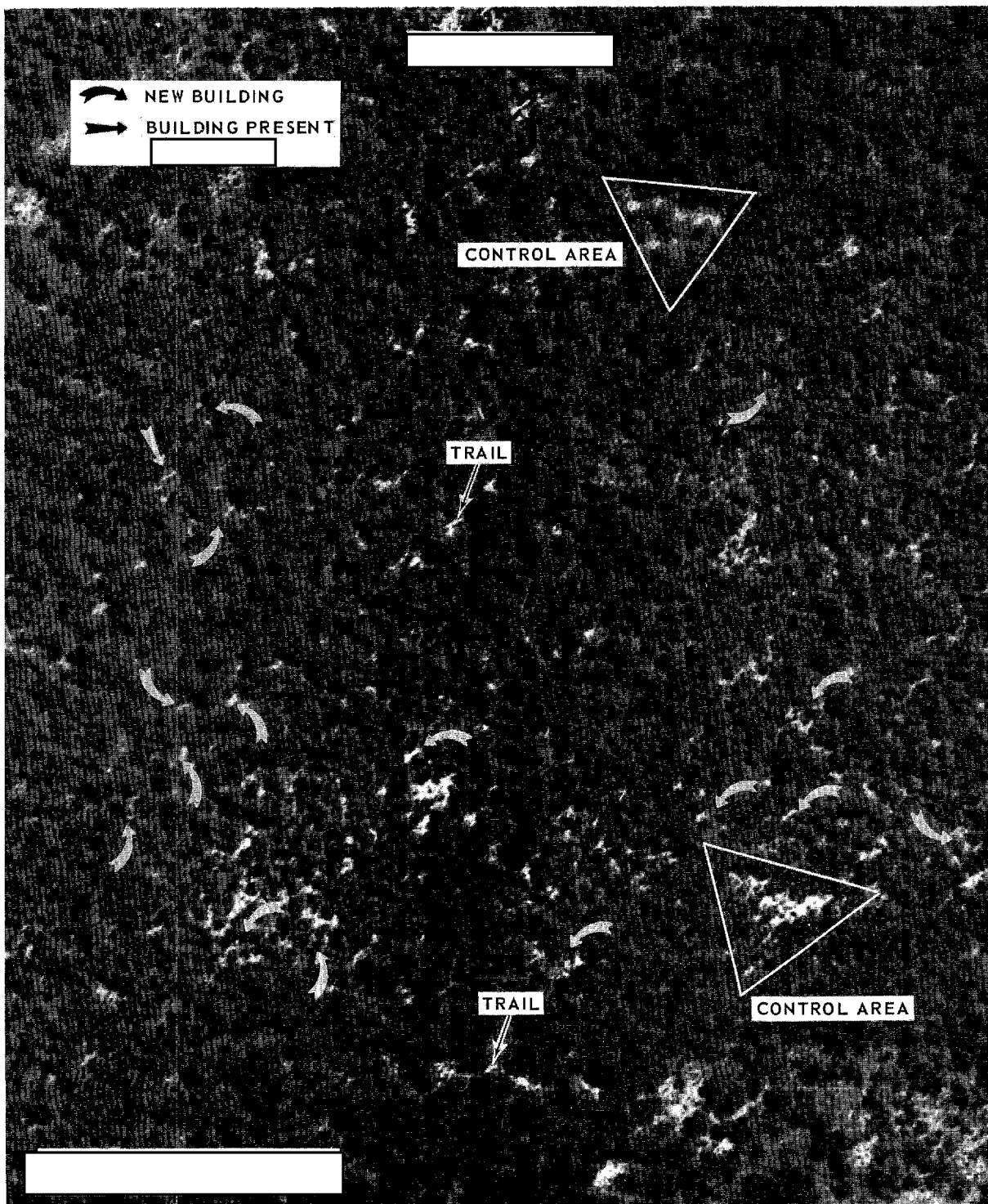
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FIGURE 10B. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

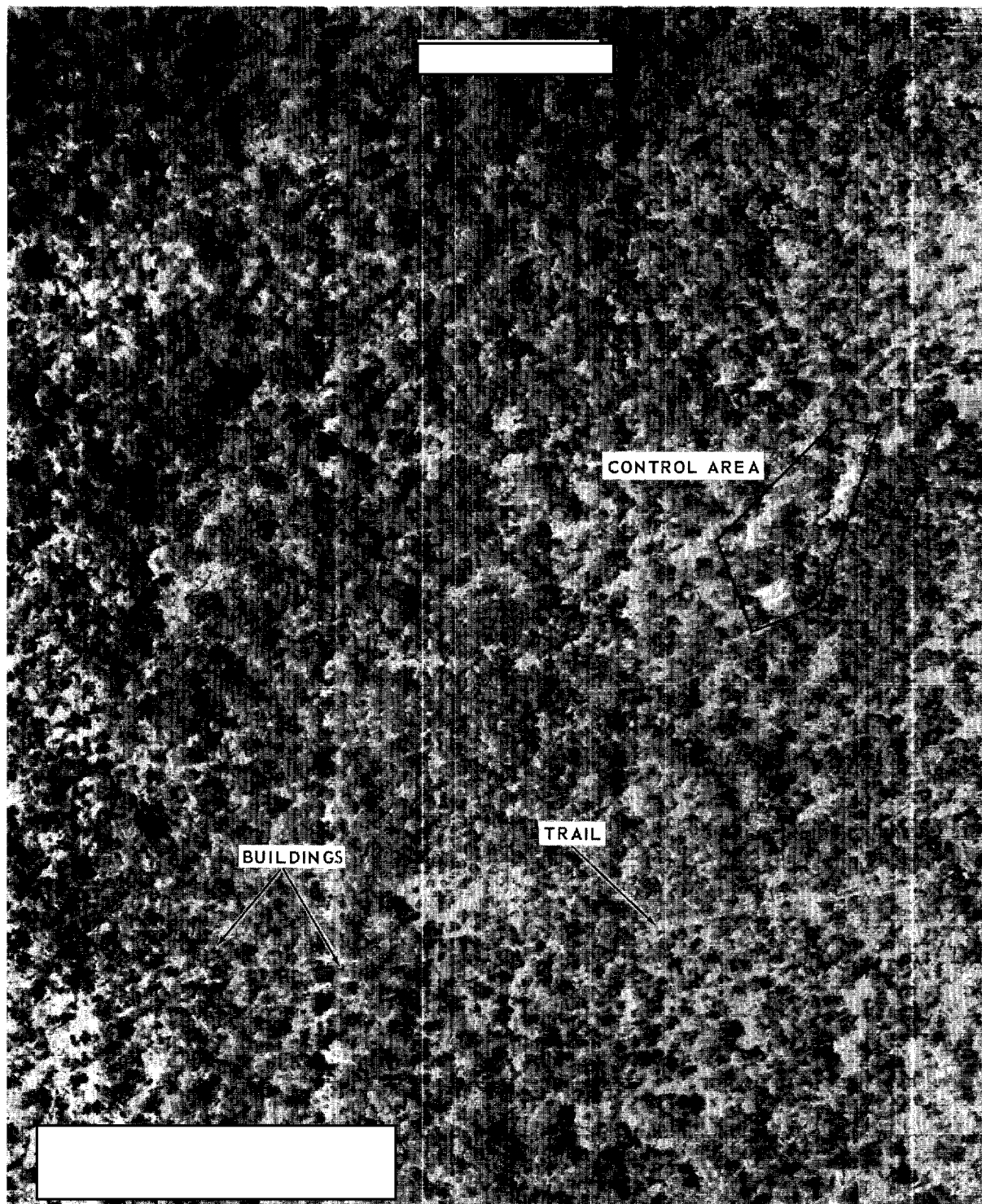
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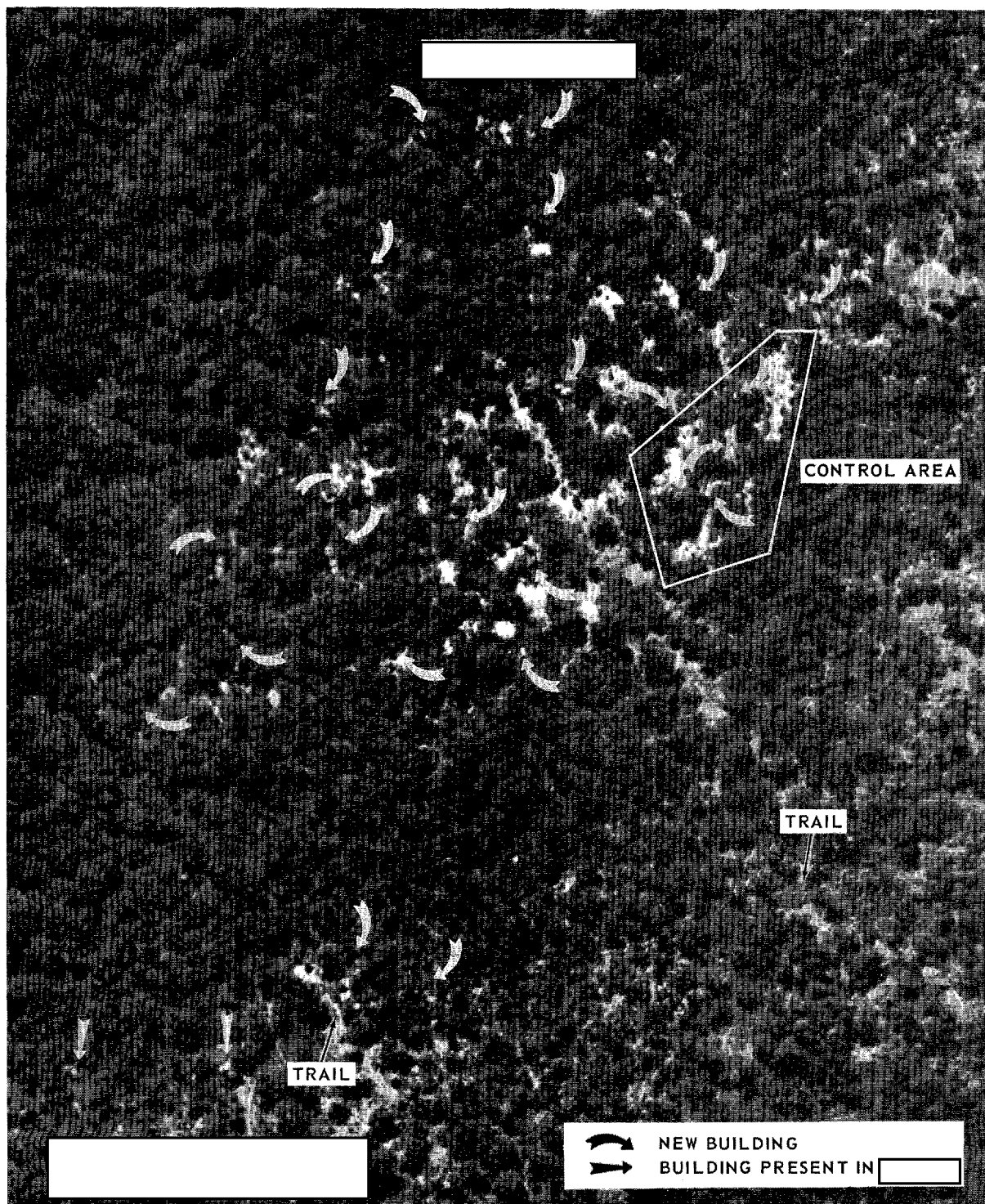
FIGURE 11A. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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FIGURE 11B. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP, CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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FIGURE 12. TYPICAL INSURGENT CAMP, SOUTH VIETNAM

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